



COUNTY OF ERIE  
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# Erie County Youth Bureau

## 2010 Annual Report

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## Director's Statement

Greetings from the Erie County Youth Bureau!

2010 saw the completion of many exciting projects in our Youth Bureau the first being the implementation of Performance Measures for each of our partnering agencies, using Results Based Accountability. It has always been difficult to measure the impact of human services programs with data, especially in a funding system as diverse as our Youth Bureau's, with 75 partners. The data, which is included in this report, is impressive, and clearly demonstrates the continued need for these vital youth services. For example, more than 30 agencies tracked grade level advancement for program participants. *We are proud to report that these agencies, working with an average of 100 youth per agency, averaged more than 90% of their participants being promoted to the next grade level!* This is not only an indication of program quality, but this also proves that we are funding results based programs that ensure our young people are better off for their participation, a critical fact in these distressed economic times. *This is especially impressive in a city with a graduation rate of 58%.*

It is our hope that the contracted agencies will be able to take this data to apply for new funding sources. The Erie County Youth Bureau will do the same, and use the data to advocate for our partners, show the positive impact of the programs our partnering agencies operate, and show our funding process is sound and operates similar to that of a highly efficient foundation. For more of these impressive performance measures, please see the highlights on the following pages, and each agency's respective outcomes are listed in the final section of this report.

Our funding philosophy, developed by our Youth Board and staff, is to go where the need is. We are proud that approximately 90% of our funds are committed to agencies serving youth in the City of Buffalo. We all know that Buffalo is the third poorest urban region in the United States, and a young person growing up in the city faces a myriad of daily challenges; education, single parent homes, transportation, lack of healthy foods, neighborhood gangs and violence, and more. The list is extensive. Despite all these challenges, we continuously hear good news. For this reason, we began a Youth Bureau newsletter, titled "The Youth Bureau Run Down". We recognize the importance of data, but never want to forget the stories and people behind it. You will not find numbers, challenges, or data related articles in our newsletter. You will only find good news and success stories relating to our youth and agencies inside. The intended message is simple, that even in challenging times, there is hope for our youth, and that challenges can be overcome. There are so many good people working for the future of our young people, and we hope that reading the success stories in our newsletter reminds you of this fact.

I owe a great deal of thanks to the Youth Bureau staff- Nadia Moore, Donna Mertel, NeCole Ervin, and Kacey Weafer. We are a small team, and they turn out an impressive amount of work. In 2010 alone they completed the largest Resource Allocation Plan in New York State, with more than 179 programs. They assisted in the development of our website, Community Resource Guides, and a Policies and Procedures Guide. They assist

our partnering agencies, our Municipal Youth Bureau's and our towns and villages in Erie County with questions regarding payment, applications, and year end program assessments and performance measures. All of this hard work has allowed us to modernize our practices and serve our partnering agencies better. A special thank you as well to Deputy Commissioner for Youth Services, Tom Lillis, and Commissioner of Social Services, Carol Dankert, for their continued support and dedication to the youth of Erie County.

I also owe a thank you to the volunteer members of the Erie County Youth Board. Serving as a member of the Youth Board is a big commitment. Our board meets monthly, and our members commit to site visits annually, reviewing Request for Proposals for both Primetime and Year-Round applications, interviewing agencies, and making funding recommendations. It is important work that they take seriously and are dedicated to. I am thankful for their time and energy, but more importantly for their caring attitude and commitment to our young people.

Finally, a warm thanks for the important work the agencies do for our young people. Every day I am confident that our young people are enriched by the positive youth development programs they provide, and the data backs that statement up. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time, and continued success in 2011!

Sincerely,

David Rust, Director, Erie County Youth Bureau

**Youth Bureau by the Numbers in 2010:**

96	Contracts with youth serving agencies
25,889	Youth participating in Erie County funded programs*
	<i>*This number does not include Municipal Youth Bureau's, towns, or villages</i>
\$1,516,077	Dollar amount contracted to youth serving agencies
\$ 418,900	Dollar amount allocated to Municipal Youth Bureau's, towns, and villages
\$1,934,977	Total fiscal and programmatic impact of the Erie County Youth Bureau

**Agency Performance Measure Highlights in 2010 (Aggregate Data):**

**Afterschool Programs-29 agencies**

2,798 (83%) students advanced to the next grade level

**Runaway Homeless Youth Programs-2 agencies**

90% of youth acquired safe housing from homelessness

84% of youth returned to live with parents or family member

**Juvenile Justice Diversion Programs-2 agencies**

62% of youth not enrolled in school, re-entered the school system

85% of youth in the program did not re-offend for 1 year after program completion

93% of youth remained drug and alcohol free for six months or longer after completion of anger management training

\$81.6 million\* potential cost savings based on the total cost to house juvenile offenders for one year in a NYS secure facility

*\*NYS facility cost=\$228,015 per youth for one year placement per NYS Governor Cuomo's Urban Agenda. It is understood that not all youth will be housed for a full year in placement, if at all.*

**Mentoring-National Best Practice Model Programs-2 agencies**

69 number of Male/Male matches

89 number of Female/Female matches

72% matches demonstrated a 12 month retention rate

97% advanced to the next grade level

**Youth Employment Programs-4 agencies**

61 youth graduated from high school or advanced to the next grade level or attained a GED

103 youth completed various JRT training programs

55 youth employed based on program participation

**Counseling and Youth Safety Programs-5 agencies**

121 youth who have a safety plan upon program completion

32 youth successfully completed counseling

341 youth advanced to next grade level

### **Youth Board**

Laverne Ampadu	Cindy Horrigan
Jeff Bagel	Carolynn Hurley
Aniela Baj	Jillian Gorman-King
David Caywood, <i>Chair</i>	Kathleen O'Brien
Magdalena DeLeon	Jasmine Coles
Max Donatelli	Mike Randall
Donald Gernatt	Emma Reid
Karen Hargrove	Johan Welch
Ronjonette Harrison	Tony Williams
Sean Lora-Hetzner	Rebecca Roman*
Tanya Hernandez	
Daniel Pellegrino*	

### **Liaisons to the Board**

Christine Carr	Susan Morisson
Christine Garmon-Salaam	Susan Donovan

\*Term has expired

### **NYS Office of Children and Family Services**

#### *Youth Development Coordinators*

Christine Garmon-Salaam      Joseph Proietti

### **Erie County Youth Bureau Staff**

David Rust, *Director*  
NeCole Ervin, *Senior Fiscal Analyst*  
Nadia Moore, *Program Coordinator*  
Donna Mertel, *Senior Account Clerk*

### **AmeriCorps VISTA**

Kacey Weafer

### **Erie County Department of Social Services Youth Services Division**

Carol Dankert, *Commissioner*  
Thomas Lillis, *Deputy Commissioner for Youth Services*

## **Youth Board**

The Erie County Youth Board is composed of volunteers recommended by the Youth Bureau, appointed by the Erie County Executive and confirmed by the Erie County Legislature. Board members serve for two year terms, have regular meetings on the second Monday of every month, and participate in agency monitoring. They also review RFP requests annually, and are fully invested in the allocation process. This past year there have been a few changes to the Board. 2010 saw the addition of three (3) new Erie County Youth Board members, bringing the board to full capacity at twenty one (21). These members have been selected for their knowledge and insight into youth and family problems, and for their willingness to give of their time, talents, and expertise in providing recommendations for solving these problems. A special thank you to the Youth Board's current chair, David Caywood, and to the members of the Executive Committee in 2010; Tony Williams, Cindy Horrigan, Donald Gernatt, Sean Hetzner, and Jillian Gorman-King.

Youth Board Members are required to be on one of the five Committees that were established in 2009. All board members will serve on at least one committee and each committee is tasked with creating measureable outcomes. The Committees are:

- ***Darcel Hunter Scholarship Committee***
- ***Funding Priorities and Outcomes Committee***
- ***Site Visit Committee***
- ***Grants Committee***
- ***Gang and Violence Prevention Committee***

<b>2010 Youth Board Members</b>			
<b>Members</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Tenure</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Laverne Ampadu	Director- Family Resource Center, Community Charter School	1992	12/31/2012
Jeff Bagel	CFRE, Senior Director of Development, Genesee Country Village and Museum	2009	10/1/2011
Aniela Baj	Legislative Assistant, Councilman David Franczyk	2000	12/31/2012
David Caywood	Principal Law Clerk, Hon. Christopher Burns, New York State Supreme Court	2009	8/1/2011
Jasmine Coles	Student (Youth Member), Oracle Charter School	2010	12/31/2012
Magdalena DeLeon	Housing Aide, Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	2008	12/31/2012
Max E. Donatelli, Jr.	Director of Intake & Family Engagement, Baker Victory Services	2009	8/1/2011
Donald Gernatt	Executive Vice President, Gernatt Asphalt	2006	12/31/2012
Jillian Gorman-King	Youth Program Coordinator, Town of Cheektowaga Youth Bureau	2009	8/1/2011
Karen A. Hargrove	Manager of MIS, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority	2006	12/31/2012
Ronjonette Harrison	Juvenile Resource Coordinator, Erie County Family Court	2009	12/31/2012
Tanya Hernandez	Family Advocate, Families Child Advocacy Network	2010	12/31/2012
Cyndi Horrigan	Alumni Relations Director, Diocese of Buffalo	2001 as Liaison, 2009	12/31/2012
Carolynn Hurley	Compliance Coordinator, Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled	2008	12/31/2012
Sean Lora-Hetzner	Youth Advocate	2006	12/31/2012
Kathy O'Brien	Compliance Coordinator, Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled	2009	12/31/2011
Daniel Pellegrino	Student (Youth Member), Kenmore West High School	2009	8/1/2011
Mike Randall	Security Officer, McKinley Mall	2009	10/1/2011
Emma Reid	Student (Youth Member), Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart	2009	8/1/2011
Rebecca E. Roman	Student (Youth Member), Canisius College	2008	12/31/2011
Johan Welch	Student (Youth Member), Cleveland Hill High School	2010	12/31/2012
Tony D. Williams	Youth Advocate	2006	12/31/2012
<b>LIAISONS</b>			
<b>Members</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Tenure</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Christine Carr	Executive Director, Computers for Children, Inc.	2003	N/A
Christine Garmon-Salaam	Youth Development Coordinator, Office of Child & Family Services-New York State	Permanent OCFS Liaison	N/A
Susan Morisson	Program Director, The Center for School & Community Partnership	2002	N/A



*[Massachusetts Avenue Project]*

## 2010 County Year-Round Funded Agencies

The Youth Bureau funds year round enrichment programs in three different categories: Youth Development Delinquency Prevention (YDDP), Special Delinquency Prevention (SDPP), and Runaway Homeless Youth Agencies (RHYA).

YDDP programs target youth ages 0-21, and prioritize positive youth development programs based on the New York State Touchstones such as Academic Enrichment (After School and School Based Programs), Career Enrichment, Youth Employment, Counseling, Gang and Violence Prevention, Literacy, Mentoring, and Youth Leadership, Engagement, and Community Service.

SDPP Programs target specific youth groups, such as school dropouts, victims of child abuse or domestic violence, teen parents, English as a Second Language (ESL) learners, and many other youth at risk of specific negative outcomes.

Finally, RHY Agencies try to meet the many needs of runaway and homeless youth, including a safe place to stay, temporary lodging, counseling services, and life training. These agencies also develop a plan that runaway and homeless youth can use, once they leave the agency, that will help them and their families get back on track.

In 2010, the Youth Bureau awarded grants to 64 partnering agencies. The Youth Bureau funded 46 YDDP programs, 16 SDPP programs, and 2 RHY programs, totaling \$1,146,277.

Approximately 91% of the Erie County Youth Bureau's funds were distributed to agencies serving youth within the City of Buffalo, a much needed resource in the third poorest city in America, especially considering that more than 16,600 young people participated in these programs. All agencies provide Performance Measures to ensure participants are better off for their participation.



## 2010 Summer Primetime Programs

Primetime began as an Erie County initiative in 1995 to support positive youth development and delinquency prevention programming for youth during the summer months, when the structure schools traditionally provide is unavailable. The Youth Bureau considers Primetime programs to be essential in the third poorest urban area of the country.

In 2010 the Erie County Youth Bureau Summer Primetime funding cycle ran from June 28<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Primetime funding is awarded to agencies that target at-risk youth between the ages of 6-18. The goal of Primetime is to offer youth positive development programs at no cost to families, and to provide safe places to go during the summer when many of these youth would be at home unattended. Programs operate Monday through Saturday, from 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Applying agencies had five categories to choose from when designing their summer Primetime program; Academic Enrichment, Career

Enrichment, Cultural Enrichment, Gang and Violence Prevention, and Youth Leadership. The requirement is each program must target at least one of the five categories, but most summer programs targeted two or more. Many programs also offer youth the opportunity to participate in field trips including Tifft Nature Reserve, Buffalo Bills Training Camp, Buffalo Botanical Gardens, Buffalo Museum of Science, and even trips to Niagara Falls. Altogether, 24 different community programs were funded this past summer through the Erie County Youth Bureau, totaling \$190,000, with more than 90% of funds allocated to agencies working with youth in the City of Buffalo. More than 8,000 youth in Erie County participated in these programs.

In addition, 3 agencies were given awards to operate programming in the Erie County Secure Youth Detention Facility. The providers working in the Detention Facility are key community partners, offering youth safe places and caring adults upon release, in addition to lowering recidivism rates for participating youth.

## A Partnership for Youth

The Partnership for Youth Program targets 100 youth from Erie County annually, ages 14-18, who are enrolled in school or getting their GED and in danger of becoming a dropout. These youth are economically disadvantaged and living at or below the poverty level. Agency providers must be Workforce Investment Act (WIA) certified. Targeted youth are lacking basic skills required to become gainfully employed including educational attainment, socialization skills, communication skills, and positive role models in becoming productive citizens. Services participants receive include tutorial skills, one-on-one GED preparation, summer employment opportunities linked to academic and occupational learning, paid and

unpaid work experiences, occupational skills training, leadership activities, supportive services, and adult mentoring for not less than 12 months. A Partnership for Youth is a federally funded program in collaboration with the Erie County Youth Bureau, Workforce Investment Board, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and the New York State Department of Labor. Grants are awarded by the Erie County Youth Bureau and Workforce Investment Board.

Four agencies received APY grants in 2010; Big Brother/Big Sisters of Erie County, Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Buffalo Public Schools, and Catholic Charities

## Monitoring

Onsite program monitoring is a process in which the ECYB Program Planning Coordinator visits the funded program to determine if the program is running in accordance with the proposed program description and following its contractual obligations. While a majority of the agencies are monitored unannounced, there are few agencies that have their onsite monitoring visits scheduled, due to the confidentiality of the services provided by the program.

During the onsite visit, the Program Planning Coordinator observes the program by observing the activities being performed by the program participants, reviewing the schedule submitted with the contract, speaking with youth participants, reviewing monitoring tools' documents and gaining other information pertinent to the compliance of the contract.

Each program funded by the Erie County Youth Bureau in 2010 was monitored at least once during the contract period. On a few occasions, agencies that were not meeting all of their program description components were monitored more than once, until compliance was achieved.



*[Meszaros International Center of Entrepreneurship]*

### 2010 On Site Monitoring Visits

#### Total Onsite Monitoring visits:

- 92 Total Contracts
- 96 Total Active Programs
- 126 Total Onsite Monitoring Visits

#### Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention (YDDP):

- 46 contracted agencies
- 46 active programs
- 67 monitoring visits

#### Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP):

- 16 contracted agencies
- 16 active programs
- 24 monitoring visits

#### Operation Primetime:

- 24 contracted agencies
- 27 active programs
- 28 monitoring visits

#### Runaway/Homeless Youth (RHYA):

- 2 contracted agencies
- 3 active programs
- 3 monitoring visits

#### A Partnership for Youth (APY):

- 4 contracted agencies
- 4 active programs
- 4 monitoring visits

## Performance Measure Implementation Using Results Based Accountability

In 2010 the Erie County Youth Bureau implemented a Performance Accountability process for each Erie County funded agency. Led by the guidance of Karen Finn, Results Leadership Group (<http://resultsleadership.org/>), agencies were trained in “Performance Accountability” to measure the work they do quantitatively to provide programmatic outcomes/data. The Erie County Youth Bureau is concerned about the well being of the youth population in Erie County, and how funded programs and agencies are serving them. Performance Accountability looks at how well a program or agency is working on three levels:

1. How much did we do?
2. How well did we do it?
3. Is anyone better off? =  
Program/Agency Outcomes

The goal is to see the impact youth programs are making in young people’s lives, and to allow the Erie County Youth Bureau to advocate for funded agencies. In these challenging fiscal times, simply working with young people is not enough. It is important to fund programs that help young people escape the cycle of poverty and leave them better off. A “Performance Measurement Form”, developed by the Erie County Youth Bureau and Karen Finn, is due midway through the contract year and at the end of each year. This form not only provides program/agency outcomes, but also displays measurement tools used, the story behind the data, and a narrative program recap.

Each of the approximately 75 agencies the ECYB funds annually is unique, so it was important to implement a process that allowed

each agency to measure the impact their youth programs make in a unique and distinct fashion. The “Performance Accountability” process meets this objective, and allows each agency to choose their “Performance Measures”, which are then approved by the Erie County Youth Bureau.

Starting in January 2011, Performance Accountability has been implemented into contracts and becomes a part of allocation decision process. Each agency’s Performance Measures can be found along with their program description in the final section of this Annual Report. Examples of Performance Measures agencies track include:

- Participants promoted to the next grade level
- Participants maintaining or increasing grade point average
- Participants who increase school attendance
- Participants decrease in school suspensions
- Participants gaining employment
- Participants that are accepted into college
- Participants who enroll in college
- Participants who graduate high school
- Number of community service projects completed
- Participants who remain arrest free for one year

Other Performance Measures are tracked as well, and all agencies submit Performance Measures both in numbers and percentage. These statistics are then compared to city-wide averages to ensure participants are “better off” after their participation in these programs.

As mentioned in the welcome, our after-school providers are ensuring young people are advancing grade levels and completing high school. Our partners working with youth

involved with the juvenile justice system have extremely low recidivism rates, saving taxpayers literally millions of dollars. Our mentoring agencies are following best practices, which ensure that matches are lasting years, and youth are seeing measurable decreases in negative behavior, and increases in positive behaviors. The results are impressive, and you are encouraged to see the statistics in the final section of this report.



### AmeriCorps VISTA

The Youth Bureau has maintained its partnership with the Serve New York Program of WNY AmeriCorps VISTA to build stronger communities and sustain mentoring programs. AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer In Service To America) is a twelve month, full time commitment focusing on capacity building activities. VISTA members are, in essence, grants, won by the Youth Bureau in the form of membership service. They must be 18 years old, and usually have a Bachelor's Degree. Their year with the Youth Bureau is focused on creating sustainable projects that will increase the Youth Bureau's capacity to serve the youth of Erie County.

The Erie County Youth Bureau has had two AmeriCorps in the last two years and is now currently working with their third AmeriCorps VISTA. James Bonanno, the first AmeriCorps VISTA, completed his year of service with the Youth Bureau in July 2009. James came to the Youth Bureau with a Master's degree in European History from the University at Buffalo. He came during a rough transition period, which saw the passing of Darcel Hunter,

former Youth Bureau Program Coordinator, who left behind an unsurpassed legacy of service to the youth of Erie County. With Darcel's passing, there was a time when James was the only Youth Bureau staff available. Himself being new to the Youth Bureau, James became its de facto representative and did a remarkable job holding the Youth Bureau together with the help of the Youth Services Department. James carried out agency site visits, communicated with the Youth Board, and took on many responsibilities in handling agency-related affairs. With the appointment of the new Youth Bureau Director, James was able to focus on monitoring the grant cycles and RFP process for funded agencies. When James' term of service ended, the Youth Bureau signed Mark Gawronski as its second AmeriCorps VISTA. Mark recently graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology prior to his appointment. During his term of service, Mark has helped in reviewing agencies on site visits, handling many Youth Bureau communications, and even helping to revise the Youth Board By-Laws to their current state. He also led the development of the Youth Bureau's first Annual Report as well as the Youth Bureau's first website—a

much needed tool that will help serve the Youth Bureau, its funded agencies, and the citizens and youth of Erie County. Now, the Youth Bureau is on its third, and sadly, final AmeriCorps VISTA, Kacey Weafer. Kacey graduated from Saint Bonaventure University in 2009 with a degree in Marketing and is currently in her second year of service with AmeriCorps. Thus far, Kacey has worked to develop a Youth Bureau Newsletter to help represent some of the

great agencies that are funded by the Youth Bureau. Kacey is also in the process of creating an internal newsletter for youth who are in the Detention Center. Also, she has helped update the Community Resource Guide and Annual Report for 2010. As the year progresses she will also assist Nadia Moore, the Youth Bureau Planning Coordinator, in doing unannounced site visits for the Youth Bureau.

## Erie County Youth Bureau Website

The Youth Bureau is now online! In order to best serve the youth of Erie County there are a number of resources available on the website including program descriptions, links, and forms that agencies may need.

1. Go to [www.erie.gov/](http://www.erie.gov/)
2. Click "County Departments"
3. Click "Social Services"
4. Click "Youth Bureau and Juvenile Justice/Detention Services"
5. Click on "Youth Bureau"

## Community Resource Guide

The Erie County Youth Bureau partners with youth-serving agencies to provide resources to youth and their families. In order to give youth and their families, volunteers, staff, counselors, social workers, and resource teams access to these agencies, the Youth Bureau has created a Community Resource Guide. This guide is available online through the Erie County Youth

Bureau Website, accessed by following these steps.

1. Go to [www.erie.gov/](http://www.erie.gov/)
2. Click "County Departments"
3. Click "Social Services"
4. Click "Youth Bureau and Juvenile Justice/Detention Services"
5. Click on "Youth Bureau"
6. On the Youth Bureau page, if you scroll to the right, you will see a tab for "Community Resource Guide"

\*The Community Resource Guide is also available in print version, and can be accessed by calling the Erie County Youth Bureau at 923-4041.

## Erie County Youth Bureau Newsletter

The Erie County Youth Bureau now has a newsletter available online! You can easily access the newsletter, which is distributed quarterly, through the Erie County Youth Bureau Website. The newsletter highlights agencies funded by the Youth Bureau as well as news, grant tips, and stories submitted from

agencies. You can access the newsletter by following these steps.

1. Go to [www.erie.gov/](http://www.erie.gov/)
2. Click "County Departments"
3. Click "Social Services"
4. Click "Youth Bureau and Juvenile Justice/Detention Services"
5. Click on "Youth Bureau"
6. On the Youth Bureau page, if you scroll to the right, you will see a tab for "Youth Bureau Newsletter"



## Erie County Secure Youth Detention Center Partnerships

When the Erie County Youth Bureau and Youth Detention Facility merged into the Youth Services Center, one of the primary goals was to add Youth Bureau positive development programming into the Youth Detention Facility. In 2009 the Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo, in collaboration with the Erie County Youth Detention Center, was awarded a federal “Second Chance Mentoring Grant” to be used for a program that reduces recidivism among juvenile offenders and gives them positive development tools to overcome their past mistakes. The Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo has been active in the Erie County Youth Detention Center since 2002. This grant allows for expansion of staff and programming in the center through October of 2012. It also connects youth to their local Buffalo clubhouse upon their release.

Four additional community partners were active in the facility in 2010; the African American Cultural Center, Literacy

Volunteers, Computers for Children, and Science Firsthand Learning. These key partners provided a variety of programs to ensure youth will be well prepared for life after the detention facility—education and career development programs, cultural enrichment, academic and literacy support, and character and leadership development programs.

In addition, Pastor Kenneth Simmons, Neighborhood Services Coordinator with the Community Action Organization and an ordained Youth Minister, was hired as the Chaplain in November of 2010. Pastor Simmons is responsible for coordination and curriculum of ministry in the facility, with an emphasis on youth focused conflict mediation and community outreach upon release. We are thankful for our providers working in the detention facility and to Pastor Simmons, and look forward to continued partnerships in 2011.



*[Western New York Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Inc.]*

## Towns, Villages, and Municipal Youth Bureaus

The Erie County Youth Bureau is a proud member of the Western New York Association of Youth Bureau's. Municipal Youth Bureau's within Erie County providing additional and valuable resources to youth include ; Amherst, Buffalo, Clarence, Cheektowaga, Hamburg, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Orchard Park, City of Tonawanda, Town of Tonawanda, and West Seneca. Monthly meetings are held at the Lancaster Youth Bureau. David Rust, Director of the Erie County Youth Bureau, also serves as an at-large Board Member of the New York State Youth Bureau Association. The Erie County Youth Bureau made Municipal Youth Bureaus, towns, and villages eligible for approximately \$ 420,000 in programmatic aid and approximately \$220,000 in administrative aid in 2010.

## 2010 Fiscal & Programmatic Impact of the Erie County Youth Bureau

### Erie County Youth Bureau Programs

**YDDP Programs –** 46 Contracted Programs

Total dollar amount = \$475,626

State Share= \$475,626

County Share= \$0

*Number of youth served = 9,714*

**SDPP Programs –** 16 Contracted Programs

Total dollar amount = \$245,763

State Share= \$230,403

County Share= \$0

*Number of youth served = 6,914*

**Runaway Programs –** 1 Contracted Program

Total dollar amount = \$193,465

State Share= \$155,244

County Share= \$38,221

*Number of youth served = 560*

**Homeless Programs –** 2 Contracted Programs

Total dollar amount = \$246,783

State Share= \$237,540

County Share= \$9,243

*Number of youth served = 591*

**Summer Primetime–** 27 Contracted Programs

Total dollar amount = \$200,000

State Share= \$132,000

County Share= \$68,000

*Number of youth served = 8,000*

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**APY Programs—** 4 Contracted Programs  
Total dollar amount = \$169,800  
State Share= \$169,800  
County Share= \$0  
*Number of youth served = 110*

<b>Aid to Erie County Contracted Agencies</b>	<b>\$1,516,077</b>
<b>Aid to Municipal Youth Bureau's, Towns, &amp; Villages</b>	<b><u>\$ 418,900</u></b>
<b>Total Fiscal &amp; Programmatic Impact- ECYB</b>	<b><u>\$1,934,977</u></b>



## 2010 Erie County Youth Bureau Programs

Agency	City	Postal Code	Legislative District	Category	Funding Allocated for 2010	Primetime Funding for 2010	RHY Funding for 2010	APY Funding for 2010
Access of WNY	Lackawanna	14218	1	P		10,000		
Act For Youth of Buffalo	West Seneca	14224	9	YDDP	13,563			
African Cultural Center	Buffalo	14208	3	SDPP	8,750	14,200		
Back To Basics	Buffalo	14206	3	SDPP	8,766			
Be-A-Friend Big Brother Big Sister of Erie County	Buffalo	14207	10	SDPP	35,000	10,000		51,000
Blossom Garden	Collins	14043	13	YDDP	3,500			
Bob Lanier Center	Buffalo	14215	7	YDDP	11,200			
Boy Scouts of America	Buffalo	14225	8	YDDP	14,700	10,000		
Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo	Buffalo	14210	2	YDDP	13,125	7,500		
Boys & Girls Club of Depew/Lancaster	Lancaster	14086	5	YDDP	7,000			
Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora/Springville	East Aurora	14052	13	YDDP	7,788	7,500		
Boys & Girls Club Eden	Eden	14057	12	YDDP	7,788			
Boys & Girls Club of Elma/Marilla/Wales	Elma	14059	5	YDDP	7,788			
Boys & Girls Club Holland	Holland	14080	5	YDDP	7,788	5,000		
Boys & Girls Club of Orchard Park	Orchard Park	14127	13	YDDP	7,788			
Boys & Girls Club of Northtowns	Buffalo	14207	10	YDDP	11,200	7,500		
Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers	Buffalo	14204	3	YDDP	12,250			
Buffalo Museum of Science	Buffalo	14211	3	P		10,000		
Buffalo Public Schools	Buffalo							31,800
Catholic Charities	Buffalo	14203	3	YDDP	30,625			60,500
CEPA Gallery	Buffalo	14203	3	YDDP	7,525			

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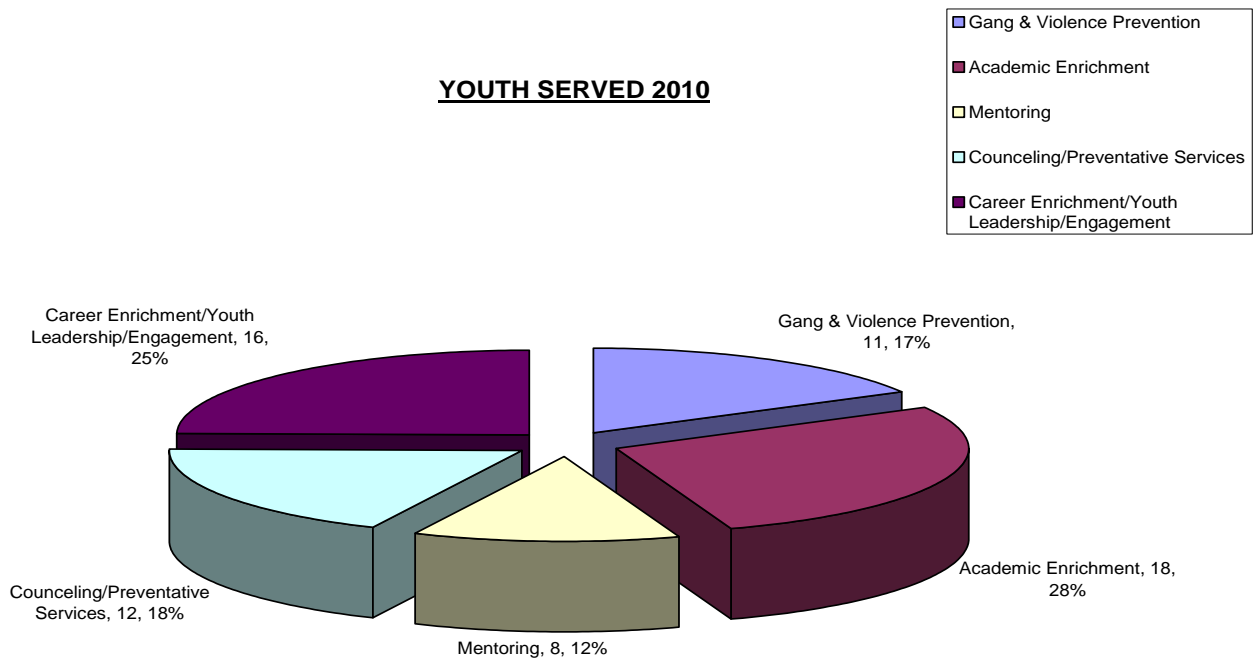
Agency	City	Postal Code	Legislative District	Category	Funding Allocated for 2010	Primetime Funding for 2010	RHY Funding for 2010	APY Funding for 2010
Child & Adolescent Treatment Services	Buffalo	14202	3	SDPP	11,813			
Compass House	Buffalo	14209	7	SDPP	7,000		277,332	
Compeer	Buffalo	14202	3	YDDP	15,094			
Computers for Children	Buffalo	14216	11	YDDP	12,688	13,600		
Cradle Beach Camp	Angola	14006	12	YDDP	7,875			
Crucial Human Services	Buffalo	14211	3	YDDP	9,625	7,400		
Daemen College	Amherst	14226	14	YDDP	13,125			
Delevan-Grider Community Center	Buffalo	14215	3	YDDP	12,250			
Elim Community Association	Buffalo	14214	7	P		10,000		
Father Belle Center	Buffalo	14201	6	YDDP	14,000			
First Hand Learning	Buffalo	14214	7	YDDP	12,250	12,200		
FLARE	Buffalo	14214	7	YDDP	6,563			
Franciscan Center	Buffalo	14210	2	SDPP	8,750		73,062	
Girl Scouts	Buffalo	14214	11	YDDP	9,188			
Hasek's Heroes	Buffalo	14207	6	YDDP	4,375			
Haven House	Buffalo	14202	3	SDPP	9,625			
Healthy Community Alliance	Gowanda	14070	13	YDDP	11,200			
Heart Foundation	Buffalo	14215	7	SDPP	12,250			
Hispanics United of Buffalo	Buffalo	14201	6	SDPP	12,731			
Jericho Road Ministries	Buffalo	14213	6	YDDP	8,750	7,500		
King Urban Life Center	Buffalo	14211		YDDP	5,688			
Lackawanna Sports & Education	Lackawanna	14218	1	YDDP	4,375			
Leadership Buffalo	Buffalo	14203	3	YDDP	12,688			
LEAP of WNY	Buffalo	14217	11	YDDP	8,750			
Literacy Volunteers of Buffalo & Erie County	Buffalo	14209	3	YDDP	10,325			

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Agency	City	Postal Code	Legislative District	Category	Funding Allocated for 2010	Primetime Funding for 2010	RHY Funding for 2010	APY Funding for 2010
Matt Urban Community Center	Buffalo	14212	1	YDDP	14,875	7,000		
Making Fishers of Men and Women	Buffalo	14213	6	YDDP	8,750	7,500		
Massachusetts Avenue Project	Buffalo	14213	6	YDDP	14,875			
MICE	Buffalo	14221		YDDP	4,375			
National Conference for Community & Justice	Buffalo	14202	3	SDPP	34,344			
Native American Community Service	Buffalo	14207	6	SDPP	13,344			
North West Buffalo Community Center	Buffalo	14207	6	YDDP	13,563	10,000		26,500
Old First Ward Community Center	Buffalo	14204	1	YDDP	7,000			
On The Job Ministries	Buffalo	14213	6	YDDP	4,375	3,000		
Planned Parenthood	Buffalo	14214	7	SDPP	13,344			
Police Athletic Club	Buffalo	14202	3	YDDP	4,375			
Salvation Army	Buffalo	14202	3	YDDP	11,594			
Schiller Park Community Services	Buffalo	14221	3	YDDP	7,350	10,000		
Seneca Babcock Community Association	Buffalo	14210	2	YDDP	8,750			
Seneca Street Comm. Development Corp.	Buffalo	14210	2	P		5,000		
University Heights	Buffalo	14214	11	P		7,500		
Urban Christian Ministries	Buffalo	14204	3	YDDP	4,375			
Valley Community Association	Buffalo	14210	2	YDDP	14,875	10,000		
West Side Community Services	Buffalo	14213	6	YDDP	13,563	10,000		
Willie Hutch Jones Sports and Education	Buffalo	14208	7	YDDP	4,375			
WNY United Against Drugs and Alcohol	Cheektowaga	14227	2	SDPP	14,875	7,100		
YMCA - William Emslie	Buffalo	14206	3	YDDP	4,375			
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>674,474</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>350,394</b>	<b>169,800</b>

### YOUTH SERVED 2010



*[Erie Regional Housing Development Corp. Belle Center]*



*[MICE]*



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2010 NYS Aid Eligibility						
Type	Municipal Name	2000 Youth Population	Recreation Eligibility	Service Eligibility	Initiative Eligibility	Total Eligibility
Village	Akron	823	600.79	539.07		1,139.86
Town	Alden	1,716	1,252.68	1,123.98		2,376.66
Village	Alden	780	569.40	510.90		1,080.30
Town	Amherst	31,435	22,947.55	20,589.93	7,230.05	50,767.53
Village	Angola	738	538.74	483.39		1,022.13
Town	Aurora	2,027	1,479.71	1,327.69		2,807.40
Village	Blasdell	748	546.04	489.94		1,035.98
Town	Boston	2,225	1,624.25	1,457.38		3,081.63
Town	Brant	415	302.95	271.83		574.78
City	Buffalo	91,084	66,491.32	59,660.02	20,949.32	147,100.66
Town	Cheektowaga	18,852	13,761.96	12,348.06	4,335.96	30,445.98
Town	Clarence	8,091	5,906.43	5,299.61	1,860.93	13,066.97
Town	Colden	929	678.17	608.50		1,286.67
Town	Collins	1,096	800.08	717.88		1,517.96
Town	Concord	1,247	910.31	816.79		1,727.10
Village	Depew	4,166	3,041.18	2,728.73		5,769.91
Village	East Aurora	1,858	1,356.34	1,216.99		2,573.33
Town	Eden	2,429	1,773.17	1,591.00		3,364.17
Town	Elma	3,064	2,236.72	2,006.92		4,243.64
Town	Evans	4,489	3,276.97	2,940.30		6,217.27
Village	Farnham	107	78.11	70.09		148.20
Town	Grand Island	5,555	4,055.15	3,638.53		7,693.68
Town	Hamburg	12,067	8,808.91	7,903.89		16,712.80
Village	Hamburg	2,953	2,155.69	1,934.22	679.19	4,769.10
Town	Holland	1,125	821.25	736.88		1,558.13
Village	Kenmore	4,334	3,163.82	2,838.77		6,002.59
City	Lackawanna	5,383	3,929.59	3,525.87	1,238.09	8,693.55
Town	Lancaster	6,383	4,659.59	4,180.87	1,468.09	10,308.55
Village	Lancaster	2,862	2,089.26	1,874.61		3,963.87
Town	Marilla	1,742	1,271.66	1,141.01		2,412.67
Town	Newstead	1,454	1,061.42	952.37		2,013.79
Town	North Collins	671	489.83	439.51		929.34
Village	North Collins	341	248.93	223.36		472.29
Town	Orchard Park	6,929	5,058.17	4,538.50	1,593.67	11,190.34
Village	Orchard Park	850	620.50	556.75		1,177.25
Town	Sardinia	827	603.71	541.69		1,145.40
Village	Sloan	861	628.53	563.96		1,192.49
Village	Springville	1,213	885.49	794.52		1,680.01
City	Tonawanda	4,415	3,222.95	2,891.83	1,015.45	7,130.23
Town	Tonawanda	15,232	11,119.36	9,976.96	3,503.36	24,599.68
Town	Wales	825	602.25	540.38		1,142.63
Town	West Seneca	11,748	8,576.04	7,694.94	2,702.04	18,973.02
Village	Williamsville	1,224	893.52	801.72		1,695.24
<b>Total:</b>		<b>267,313</b>	<b>195,138.49</b>	<b>175,090.02</b>	<b>46,576.15</b>	<b>416,804.66</b>

\*Note: Some municipalities choose to waive their eligibility to a town, municipal youth bureau, or back to the Erie County Youth Bureau.

The following summaries show all YDDP, SDPP, RHYA, and Primetime programs funded by the Youth Bureau, including program and contact information for the 2010 year. (Many agencies often change their programs for new funding cycles; therefore this information is only for the 2010 year.)

**Erie County Youth Bureau  
2010 Programs and Performance  
Measures**

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### **AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER**

The African American Cultural Center has served as a “gatekeeper for urban generations” since 1958, and is a protectorate of the African American experience, promoter of diversity education, bastion of cultural heritage, and champion of African American youth in the City of Buffalo, New York. The not for profit multipurpose cultural arts performance and education agency was founded by Malcolm Erni to help develop urban Buffalo to its highest potential. Its core mission is to promote, sponsor and develop programs and services that exhibit an appreciation of and allegiance to African American heritage – and to enhance social behavior among African American youth through multidisciplinary training in the arts. The African American Cultural Center administers five core programs: the AACC Dance and Drum Performance Company; Paul Robeson Theatre at the African American Cultural Center; AACC Cultural Enrichment / Educational Directives for After School Program; Jumpin’ Jambalaya Summer Program and the Pine Grill Jazz Reunion.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 105

#### What/How Much We Do

105	# of children enrolled in ED program
9,502	# of units of Educational Directives Service tutoring sessions
18	# of children enrolled in SES program
775	# of units of SES Service sessions
59	# of children enrolled in Cultural Enrichment Program (theater, dance/drumming, creative arts)
1,861	# of units of Cultural Enrichment Program activities
34	# of children involved in Community Service Projects
289	# Units of Service re: Community Service Projects

#### How Well We Do It

2 to 8	Staff to child ratio
100	% of staff retention
98	% of certified staff
100	% of returning students
100	% of youth reporting having a safe environment

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

100	% of youth who maintained or increased their grades
99	## of students who advanced to the next grade
94	## of students who completed community service projects

### **BACK TO BASICS OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

Approximately 100 youth (either court mandated or brought by concerned schools/parents) between the ages of 13-21 will participate with mentors to navigate out of harmful situations. Mentors provide counseling, field trips, and a positive social role model. Academic tutoring, spiritual enrichment, and maintenance of regular school attendance are provided as well. Twice a month, workshops for gang and drug involved youth are held to immerse them in positive, alternative activities. Hours: Monday – Friday 10am – 7pm

**Program Service Category:** Citizenship & Civic Engagement

### **BE-A-FRIEND PROGRAM, INC. – BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF ERIE COUNTY**

This program provides Individual and Group Mentoring services to address the needs of children between the ages of 6 and 15 from across Erie County, who come from an environment of physical and/or emotional abuse and/or neglect. Approximately 100 children will be placed into a mentoring relationship where volunteers and professional staff will work with youth to provide the benefits from the effects of a positive role model. In addition to regular year round programming, summer Primetime programs are also offered.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 127

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### What/How Much We Do

Gender of matches made

- Male-56
- Female-71

Race/ethnicity of matches made

- White-21
- Black-70
- Hispanic-13
- Native American-0
- Asian-0
- Other-23

Age of matches made

- Age 0-Age 4-0
- Age 5-Age 9-41
- Age 10-Age 14-66
- Age 15-Age 17-20

# of matches made

- 127

Average # of 1:1 contacts

- 508 Per Month

# of group/special events

- 7

### How Well We Do It

Six month retention rate

- 93%

Twelve month retention rate

- 70%

Number of volunteers

- 127

### Is Anyone Better Off?

214	% of youth that did not consume alcohol following 6-month involvement in a match
202	% of youth that were not involved in any serious physical fights following 6-month involvement
215	% of youth that had no gang affiliation following 6-month involvement in a match
215	% of youth that did not use a firearm following 6-month involvement in a match
221	% of youth served were promoted to the next grade level or graduated from high school following 5-month involvement in match

### **BLOSSOM GARDEN FRIENDS SCHOOL**

Program activities include a summer youth employment program, community service projects, computer education, drama, arts and crafts, academic tutoring, and outdoor recreational activities. Affirmation and conflict resolution activities will also take place. Planned for 20 youth ages 6-20 from rural southern Erie County. The site also includes a summer Primetime program, which is an extension of regular services, as well as Alternatives to Violence classes and computer science classes during a six week summer session. Field Trips include hiking and picnics.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 20

### What/How Much We Do

20	# of youth in the program
240	# of the computer science education classes



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### How Well We Do It

4:1	Youth to staff ratio
0	Staff turnover rate

### Is Anyone Better Off?

20 or 100%	#% of youth with increased computer skills
20 or 100%	#% of youth with increased grades
20 or 100%	#% of youth advancing to next grade level

### **THE BOB LANIER CENTER**

This program will provide academic assistance; pregnancy, substance abuse, STDs-HIV/AIDS prevention; conflict resolution, character education classes, sports, cultural, recreational activities to improve the social abilities and knowledge of 60 youth and their parents on Buffalo's East Side in a safe after-school environment. In addition, the summer Primetime program provides services to youth between the ages of 10 -18, in three components: Academic Enrichment, Life Skills Development, and Activities component.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BUFFALO**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo Southside Clubhouse located at 17 Tamarack Street, Buffalo NY 14220 serves members ages 5-18 by providing learning activities in the following core areas: Character and Leadership, The Arts; Sports, Fitness and Recreation; Education and Career Development; Health and Life Skills which includes the SMART Moves program designed to foster healthy attitudes and lifestyles. For more information contact 716-825-1016.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 80

### What/How Much We Do

80	# of youth attending Southside Clubhouse program
3,750	# of meals served
59	# of reading activities per youth
68	# of Arts in Education sessions per youth
762	# of homework help sessions per youth
19	# of science activities per youth
51	# of math activities per youth

### How Well We Do It

+6	% of change on BGCA Commitment to Quality Score
100	% of change in Ready Tool Score
25	% of staff turnover
1	# of past participants that volunteer

### Is Anyone Better Off?

62 or 76%	#% of youth with improved English grade
54 or 68%	#% of youth with improved Math grade
69 or 86%	#% of youth with fewer suspensions or other school infractions
70 or 87%	#% of youth advancing to the next grade level
63 or 79%	#% of youth who maintain or increase their school attendance

### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF DEPEW/LANCASTER**

Power Hour is a homework help and tutoring club for 700 youth that runs Monday through Friday, both afternoon and evening sessions. The response and need is so great that this program's allotments have increased.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

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### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EAST AURORA**

The Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora employs Project Learn, a proven concept whereby, in addition to direct education programming through Power Hour, educational high-yield learning activities are injected into every program area of the Club. In Power Hour, children work on their homework, work in homework groups, get additional tutoring if needed and engage in supplemental educational games and activities. Through Project Learn, every child that attends the Club is exposed to discussions with knowledgeable adults, leisure reading, writing activities, service to others, and games that utilize cognitive skills while participating in the other core program areas. The result is the entire Club becomes a learning center and participation in these quality activities during their non-school hours impacts their academic success in school.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 166

#### What/How Much We Do

166	# of youth attending program
145	# of youth participating in a minimum of 2 HYL A activities per week
17,433	# of reading activities
22,838	# of homework help sessions
12,766	# of math activities

#### How Well We Do It

+4	% of change on BGCA Commitment to Quality Score
100	% of staff meeting training requirements
0	% of staff turnover
8	# of past participants that volunteer

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

162 or 98%	## of youth who maintain or increase their grades
166 or 100%	## of youth advancing to the next grade level

### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EDEN**

For youth ages 6-18 the Club provides a positive place that offers varied and diversified youth development programs after school. Based on the physical, emotional, cultural and social needs and interests of boys and girls, trained staff offer programs in five core program areas of Character and Leadership Development, The Arts, Education and Career Development, Health and Life Skills and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 113

#### What/How Much We Do

113	# of youth attending program
65	# of youth participating in a minimum of 2 HYL A activities per week
114	# of homework help sessions per youth
59	# of reading activities per youth
51	# of math activities per youth

#### How Well We Do It

+2	% of change on BGCA Commitment to Quality Score
100	% of staff meeting training requirements
10	% of staff turnover

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

55	# of youth who maintain or increase their grades
113	# of youth advancing to the next grade level

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### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ELMA MARILLA WALES**

Project Learn is an educational enhancement program with an acquired national reputation for its leadership for advancing literacy. Its purpose is to teach basic skills to children so that they may reach their own particular learning goals and improve academic success. This program enables members to develop the daily work habit of completing homework and preparing for class in a safe, quiet, allocated space with staff encouragement and assistance.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 333

#### What/How Much We Do

333	# of youth attending program
150	# of youth participating in a minimum of 2 HYL A activities per week
83	# of reading activities per youth
208	# of homework help sessions per youth
83	# of math activities per youth

#### How Well We Do It

+25	% of change on BGCA Commitment to Quality Score
100	% of staff meeting training requirements
0	% of staff turnover
37	# of past participants that volunteer

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

84	% of youth increasing in WRAT 4 assessments from pre test to post test
89	% of youth who maintain or increase their grades
100	% of youth advancing to the next grade level
100	% of youth who maintain or increase their school attendance

### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - HOLLAND**

The club is open every day after school for its members (ages 7 -18), providing them with a safe place surrounded with caring adults who are positive adult role models. Our programs attract at-risk youth into the club and expose them to developmental assets, as measured by the Rochester READY Tool.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 125

#### What/How Much We Do

125	# of youth attending program
110	# of youth participating in a minimum of 2 HYL A activities per week
205	# of homework help sessions per youth
105	# of reading activities per youth
140	# of math activities per youth

#### How Well We Do It

1:8	Staff to participant ratio
+5	% of change on BGCA Commitment to Quality Score
100	% of staff meeting training requirements
0	% of staff turnover
25	# of past participants that volunteer

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

112 or 90%	##% of youth who maintain or increase their grades
124 or 99%	##% of youth advancing to the next grade level
110 or 88%	##% of youth who maintain or increase their school attendance

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### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE NORTHTOWNS**

Approximately 600 boys and girls participated in year-round programming including academic support, substance abuse prevention, conflict resolution, work readiness, summer employment, youth leadership and community service activities.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 643

#### What/How Much We Do

643	# of youth attending program
313	# of youth participating in a minimum of 2 HYL A activities per week

#### How Well We Do It

1:10	Staff to participant ratio
90	% of staff meeting training requirements
2	% of staff turnover
4	# of past participants that volunteer

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

72	% of youth who maintain or increase their grades
98	% of youth advancing to the next grade level
98	% of youth who maintain or increase their school attendance

### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ORCHARD PARK**

Our Mission is to inspire and enable all youth members to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens through active participation in positive youth development activities during their leisure time. Our Program, is an educational enhancement program Project Learn with five program components; Homework help and tutoring (Power Hour), High-yield learning and leisure activities, Parent and adult involvement, Collaboration with schools, and Incentives.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 102

#### What/How Much We Do

102	# of youth attending program
102	# of youth participating in a minimum of 2 HYL A activities per week
120	# of homework help sessions per youth
38	# of reading activities per youth
38	# of math activities per youth

#### How Well We Do It

+10	% of change on BGCA Commitment to Quality Score
100	% of staff meeting training requirements
12.5	% of staff turnover
5	# of past participants that volunteer

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

96	% of youth who maintain or increase their grades
100	% of youth advancing to the next grade level
96	% of youth who maintain or increase their school attendance

### **BUFFALO FEDERATION OF NEIGHBOR CENTERS**

**Program Title:** Youth Advocacy Program (YAP)

The program provides advocacy services to 160 youth 5-20 years of age and their families at school suspension hearings and conferences for the determination of mental and/or learning disabilities to ensure that students due process rights are upheld within the Buffalo educational system.

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**Program Title:** Fun and Learning

Tutoring, homework assistance, problem solving, communication skill building, and recreational activities will address the needs of 80 youth who are reading below grade level, and at risk of failing grades or lacking skills for making good decisions affecting their lives. The program serves youth, ages 5 to 14, in the Masten and Ellicott areas of Buffalo. After-school activities will be located at Futures Academy located, 295 Carlton St., Buffalo.

**Program Service Category:** Citizenship/Civic Engagement

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

This program provides counseling to youth and families across Erie County where dropouts and high risk who require early school intervention, using individual and family therapy.

**Program Service Category:** Counseling/Preventative Services

**Number of Youth Served:** 772

What/How Much We Do

772	# of youth in the program
426	# of families seen

How Well We Do It

100	% of staff counselors with Master's Degree
100	% staff counselors with advanced, post Master's training
0	% or staff turnover
19	# of school districts served

Is Anyone Better Off?

90	# of youth with positive change in discipline risks
117	# of youth with positive change in peer aggression/peer withdrawal risk
190	# of families with positive change in parenting risk scores
182	# of families with positive change in communication problem risk scores
185	# of families with positive change in Adjustment to a Transitional Crisis risk scores

**C.E.P.A GALLERY**

Writing with Light is a comprehensive program that targets at-risk youth living 200% below the poverty line, offering a positive after school and summer arts programming. Students will benefit from positive interactions with peer mentors and professional teaching artists as they learn basic photography and writing skills. Approximately 150 youth ages 8-18 will participate. The program will take place in nine separate eight week sessions. Youth meet twice per week, 3:30-6:30pm, and the dark room/computer room will be open an additional one day per week 3-8pm.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 48

What/How Much We Do

48	# of youth engaged in children's programming
24	# art sessions per youth

How Well We Do It

4	# of sites program offered
1:10	Staff to participant ratio

Is Anyone Better Off?

75	# youth completed art programs
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### **CHILD & ADOLESCENT TREATMENT SERVICES**

This program provides individual and group counseling services provided by a licensed and highly trained mental health therapist for children who are victims of abuse and severe neglect. The sexual abuse survivors group for children is the only one of its kind in Erie County.

**Program Service Category:** Counseling/Preventative Services

**Number of Youth Served:** 47

#### What/How Much We Do

47	# of youth in the program
30	# of youth who received crisis intervention counseling
37	# of crisis intervention counseling sessions
17	# of youth who received group treatment
82	# of group treatment sessions

#### How Well We Do It

97.4	% of youth receiving crisis intervention counseling same day
90.5	% of youth receiving follow up within one week
3:1	Staff to child ratio for group treatment

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

82	% who complete group counseling
82.4	% of youth with safety plan in place
100	% of youth with improved behaviors after completion of counseling

### **CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES OF ERIE COUNTY**

This program includes therapy, educational and recreational services for children and families who are/have been residents of a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Interventions occur with individual children, mothers, families and with groups composed of children, parents and/or families.

**Program Service Category:** Counseling/Preventative Services

**Number of Youth Served:** 135

#### What/How Much We Do

135	# of youth engaged in children's programming
135	# of youth living in shelter
74	# of youth receiving counseling
148	# of counseling sessions
28	# of youth receiving school linkages

#### How Well We Do It

20	% of staff trained in Trauma Informed Care
1:5	Staff to participant ratio

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

75	% of youth reporting reduction in problem statements
100	% of youth who received a safety plan

### **COMPASS HOUSE RESOURCE CENTER**

This program provides non-residential, transitional support services for homeless youth ages 14-21, will provide case management services, crisis hot-line, referral, advocacy, individual counseling, group instruction, independent living skills training and recreational opportunities.

**Program Service Category:** Counseling & Preventative Services

**Number of Youth Served:** 179

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### What/How Much We Do

179	# of youth newly participating in Resource Center services
113	# of youth continuing to participate in Resource Center services
94	# of intakes performed
179	# of youth receiving case management
179	# of youth receiving individual counseling
147	# of youth enrolled in school or GED program
179	# of youth having access to basic needs

### How Well We Do It

10	% of employee turnover
100	% of time services are available 24 hours a day
100	% of staff trained in working with homeless youth population
1:20	Staff to youth ratio

### Is Anyone Better Off?

99	% of youth who moved from emergency shelter to a stable living environment
64	% of youth who maintained stable residences for 5 months or longer
45	% of youth who return to live with their parents/family members
72	% of youth who demonstrate increased knowledge in financial stability
84	% of youth who did not have contact with the juvenile legal system during program and for 6 months after completion

### **COMPASS HOUSE EMERGENCY SHELTER**

This program provides a crisis shelter and services for runaway and homeless youth in Erie County. Compass House provides shelter, food, crisis counseling, family and group counseling, referral services, advocacy and aftercare. The program will serve 300 youth ages 12 to 18. Program is open for immediate intake, 24 Hour/7 Days a week and has a 24-hour helpline.

**Program Service Category:** Counseling & Preventative Services

**Number of Youth Served:** 295

### What/How Much We Do

295	# of youth newly participating in Resource Center services
241	# of youth receiving case management
295	# of youth receiving individual counseling
364	# of referrals to needed community services
295	# of youth having access to basic needs

### How Well We Do It

10	% of employee turnover
100	% of time services are available 24 hours a day
100	% of staff trained in working with homeless youth population
2:13	Staff to youth ratio

### Is Anyone Better Off?

287 or 97%	#% of youth who moved from emergency shelter to a stable living environment
222 or 75%	#% of youth who return to live with their parents/family members
152 or 54%	#% of youth received aftercare

### **COMPEER OF GREATER BUFFALO**

Youth living in high-risk/high-need Buffalo neighborhoods referred to Compeer will be matched one-to-one with volunteer mentors who have been recruited, screened, trained and monitored by Compeer program coordinators. These nationally recognized best practices mentoring services will improve the youths' lives.

**Program Service Category:** Mentoring

**Number of Youth Served:** 25

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### What/How Much We Do

25	# of youth referred
25	# of youth matched
13	# of male to male matches
18	# of female to female matches
25	# of youth who have been matched for at least a year

### How Well We Do It

5	# of staff trained in Essential Elements of Effective Mentoring Practice
35	# of volunteers

### Is Anyone Better Off?

22 or 89%	## of youth getting better grades
25 or 100%	## of youth passing to next grade

### **COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION**

The program offered at the Edward Saunders Community Center is an academic enrichment program emphasizing the importance of reading/ELA and math competence. We use four core components: reading club, culture club, drama club, and debate club to provide students with academically enriched activities, character development and leadership opportunities.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 185

### What/How Much We Do

185	# of youth enrolled
229	# of tutoring sessions per youth
79	# of youth enrolled in SES
102	# of SES sessions per youth
185	# of youth in Rising Readers Club
45	# of Cultural Enrichment Activities per youth

### How Well We Do It

92.5	% of activities where a class size is less than 20
76	% of youth utilizing agency transportation

### Is Anyone Better Off?

83.5	% of students who maintained & improved their grades
100	% of students who demonstrate increased knowledge in various countries and cultures
100	% of students who increased character education

### **COMPUTERS FOR CHILDREN, INC**

A program designed to help at-risk youth ages 12-18 learn marketable job skills in the field of computer technology, as well as providing individual development skills. Youth learn about computer hardware concepts in addition to software applications. Hours: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm (afterschool) and 12-6pm (summer).

**Program Service Category:** Career Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 46

### What/How Much We Do

46	# of youth participants
49	# of youth who attend the internet safety presentation
10	# of internet safety presentations per youth
50	# of computer building classes per youth
50	# of computer software classes per youth
6	# of virus installation classes per youth



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### How Well We Do It

50	% of NYS Certified Trainers
100	% of staff passing background check/fingerprinted
206	# of computers donated to agencies
8	# of training locations

### Is Anyone Better Off?

82.5	% of students who build a computer
64.8	% of students who improved their knowledge of Basic PC Building Skills
65.5	% of students who improved their knowledge of Word, Excel and PowerPoint
82.50	% of students who have increased access to a PC at home
84	% of youth who completed a PowerPoint/oral project
82.5	% of computers taken home by program participants

### **CRADLE BEACH**

Cradle Beach serves children with disabilities and those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds through a summer enrichment camping program. We also provide year-round programming via Project SOAR, an intensive academic, character building and development program that utilizes in-school tutoring and mentoring along with day trips and weekend retreats at our site in Angola, NY. For more information please contact Timothy Boling, CEO at 716-549-6307, ext. 203 or [tboling@cradlebeach.org](mailto:tboling@cradlebeach.org).

**Program Service Category:** Education

**Number of Youth Served:** 36

### What/How Much We Do

36	# of youth participants
36	# of youth attending 3 overnight weekend retreats
36	# of youth attending 10-day residential camping program

### How Well We Do It

1 to 10	Staff to youth ratio
1	# of 3 day weekend retreats
1	# of 10 day residential camping program

### Is Anyone Better Off?

0	% of children suspended
100	% of children advancing to the next grade level
89%	% of children that report that they have adult supportive relationships
74%	% of children achieve positive decision making
89%	% of children value different cultures

### **C.R.U.C.I.A.L. Human Services, Inc.**

A program designed to build resiliency, resistance and negotiation skills in under-served and at-risk youth between the ages of 5 and 20, through educational, cultural, social and recreational activities. The Umoja Project emphasizes overall academic enrichment, reading and mathematics enhancement, and cultural awareness.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

### What/How Much We Do

1,088	# of sessions of tutoring/homework assistance
900	# of sessions of arts and crafts
646	# of sessions of recreational activities

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### How Well We Do It

95	% of youth who received staff support saying they enjoy reading for pleasure
75	% of youth who received staff support with improved homework reports and comments
37	# of volunteers assisting with program activities
1:10	Staff to participant ratio

### Is Anyone Better Off?

15	% of youth with maintained or improved regular attendance
75	% of youth with maintained or improved grades
100	% of youth who obtain next grade achievement

### **DAEMEN COLLEGE**

The College Prep Program at Lafayette provides tutoring for refugee and international students who struggle with Regents examinations. Tutoring is provided by certified teachers, assisted by service learning students from Daemen College. The program meets daily from 3:15-5:15 PM, Monday- Thursday in Room 310 at Lafayette High School.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 126

### What/How Much We Do

40	# of tutoring sessions per youth
126	# of youth participants
4	# contact hours per week per youth for tutoring

### How Well We Do It

1:4	Staff/participant ratio
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### Is Anyone Better Off?

72	% of youth who improved score on Regents by 10 points or more
88	% of students graduating from Grover Cleveland High School

### **ERIE REGIONAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The Belle afterschool program will serve at least 80, 6-12 year old youth. When school is not in session the center will offer programs during the day. During the summer months, we will operate a summer academic/recreational camp program for the kids. Activities include swimming, field trips, etc.

**Program Service Category:** Gang & Violence Prevention

### What/How much we do

143	# of youth enrolled
189	# of tutoring sessions per youth
92	# of reading/literacy sessions per youth
48	# of cultural enrichment sessions per youth
60	# of First Hand Science participants
88	# of First Hand Science sessions per youth
63	# of computer sessions per youth

### How Well We Do It

1:10	Ratio of staff to students
8	# of certified staff
17	# of Buffalo AmeriCorps members supporting students
120	# of staff training hours

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### Is Anyone Better Off?

100	% of students maintaining or increasing academic progress
100	% of youth passing to the next grade
100	% of students increasing knowledge of computer skills
41	% of students increasing knowledge and skills in science
100	% of students with increased cultural competence

### **FIRST HAND LEARNING**

First Hand Learning has partnered with thirteen community agencies in Buffalo to create the Science Firsthand Collaborative of Buffalo. The two goals of the Collaborative are to enrich youth with opportunities for exploring science out of school and in the process become friends with adult volunteers, and to provide youth with opportunities to participate in science experiences that involve multiple centers in different parts of the city. Contact Bill Rogers, Project Director, 716.831.8722 [billroger@gmail.com](mailto:billroger@gmail.com)

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 611

### What/How Much We Do

611	# of youth in program
102	# of lessons covered per youth

### How Well We Do It

70	% of science sessions with a 1:3 ratio (or better)
131	# of volunteers
19	# of locations where science sessions are offered

### Is Anyone Better Off?

465 or 76%	#% of youth who demonstrate an increased knowledge of scientific inquiry
553 or 90%	#% of youth who demonstrate an increased interest in science
345 or 56%	#% of youth who completed a science journal

### **FILLMORE LEROY AREA RESIDENTS, INC. (FLARE)**

**Program Title:** FLARE After School Program & Summer Day Camp

These programs located at 307 Leroy Avenue offers ELA instruction, conflict resolution, hands-on science, homework assistance, tutoring, and recreational activities. For more information contact: Ray Walter, Executive Director (716) 838-6740

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 46

### What/How Much We Do

46	# of youth enrolled in the after school program
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### How Well We Do It

0	% of staff turnover
8:1	Staff to child ratio

### Is Anyone Better Off?

89	% of youth who maintained or increased their grades
85	% of youth who maintained or improved reading level
91	% of youth who improved their school attendance

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### FRANCISCAN CENTER

2010 began our 30th year of quality service to runaway homeless youth. We offer two programs for Adolescent Males ages 16 thru 20. There are no fees for any of our services. We are certified and highly respected by NYS Office of Children & Family Services and monitored by Erie County Youth Bureau. Our Transitional Independent Living Program, is an eight bed long-term shelter for youth for up to 18 months. A home-like setting, case management, in-house Counselor, extensive Independent Living Skills and Life Skills, a safe environment, with a “tough love” approach are offered to youth no matter their race, creed, color, or socio-economic background. We try to address the youth’s needs in “body, mind, and spirit.” Each youth helps develop an Individual Service Plan with short and long-term goals. For youth ages 16 and 17, parent/guardian should call and schedule an intake assessment, and need agree to the youth coming to us. Appropriate Identification is needed: NYS Photo ID, Birth Certificate, and Social Security Card. Call weekdays 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. to set up an appointment. The only two clear issues that would make a youth ineligible are fire-setting or sexual perpetrator issues. Those youth 18 thru 20, need to call in person and need the same forms of identification. We also offer a Supported Residence on the property, a separate 3 suite house that more closely resembles independent living. This program is for a young person who is more responsible, is already settled in education and/or employment, yet who needs a program of case management, guidance, and some limited structure. 24/7 phone: 822-8017

[www.franciscancenterinc.org](http://www.franciscancenterinc.org)

**Program Service Category:** Counseling/Preventative Services

**Number of Youth Served:** 31

#### What/How Much We Do

31	# of program participants
31	# of completed intakes
31	# of individual service plans completed
17	# of youth assisted in obtaining NYS Photo ID
20	# of youth participating in job readiness program
20	# of youth participating in money management instruction
31	# of youth receiving one-on-one daily instruction
29	# of youth assisted in acquiring safe housing

#### How Well We Do It

75	% of staff retained
100	% of staff with OCFS certification
100	% of staff receiving on-going training
100	% of time program is available 24/7

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

18 or 58%	##% of youth who completed their goals listed in their Individual Service Plans
19 or 61%	##% of youth completing the Job Readiness Program
14 or 45%	##% youth acquiring employment
19 or 61%	##% if youth completing the Money Management Program
24 or 77%	##% youth acquiring safe housing at program discharge

### GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Girl Scouts of Western New York, the region’s pre-eminent girl leadership organization, offers the “Girl Scout Rural and Urban Leadership Experience” to girls who live in economically challenged neighborhoods with the opportunity to take part in traditional Girl Scout activities and specialized anti-violence programming. GSWNY engages and empowers today’s girls and young women to be leaders for themselves, for others and for our communities. For more information, please contact Alison Wilcox, (716) 935-6034 or email [Alison.Wilcox@gswny.org](mailto:Alison.Wilcox@gswny.org)

**Program Service Category:** Career Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 787

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### What/How Much We Do

787	# of girls enrolled in the RULE program
701	# of girl scout sessions
971	# of Journey book sections covered
526	# of girls who participated in community service projects
56	# of community service activities
415	# of girls who are a minority ethnic/race background

### How Well We Do It

1:10	Staff to participant ratio
4	# of rural program sites
34	# of urban program sites
100	% Percentage of staff trained in current Girl Scout programming

### Is Anyone Better Off?

66.8	% of community service projects completed
66	% of girls who have learned to help others without expecting anything in return
80	% of girls who have learned that they can make their community a better place to live
81	% of girls who have learned that they can find ways to help other people

### **GREATER FRONTIER NIAGARA BOY SCOUTS**

The Boy Scouts of America will expand its outreach to disadvantaged urban youth by partnering with qualified local organizations to provide hands-on experiential learning to teach youth positive behaviors, the avoidance of violence and other social and life skills. For more information regarding program sites, please contact Mr. Stephen Blass at 716-512-6219 or [stephen.blass@scouting.org](mailto:stephen.blass@scouting.org).

**Program Service Category:** Career Enrichment

### **HASEK'S HEROES**

Program utilizes the basics of skating and hockey skills in a structured environment designed to provide delinquency prevention and skill building to youth 4-17 years of age.

**Program Service Category:** Career Enrichment

### **HEALTHY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

Rural Youth Counseling Program (RYCP) and Parent Empowerment Program (PEP) provide individual youth counseling and parent education programs free of charge to un-served or underserved at-risk youth and their families in southern Erie County. Programs offer a solution-focused approach that center on strengths and skill building.

**Program Service Category:** Counseling/Preventative Services

**Number of Youth Served:** 40

### What/How Much We Do

40	# of youth enrolled in program
23	# of intakes completed
23	# of Individual Service Plans
259	# of youth counseling sessions
93	# of parents enrolled in the program
77	# of parent workshop sessions

### How Well We Do It

3:40	Staff to youth ratio
0	% of employee turnover
100	% of staff with NYS License or Limited Permit to practice mental health counseling in NYS

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100	% of counselors trained in the administration & interpretation of Parent Stress Index
100	% of counselors trained in the administration of the PIC-2
100	% of counselors trained in the administration of the PIY

### Is Anyone Better Off?

23 or 57%	#% of youth competing counseling
15 or 88%	#% of youth completing targeted goals in the Individual Service Plan
9 or 90%	#% of youth demonstrating improvement in the identified counseling area
33 or 89%	#% of youth that advance to the next grade level
74 or 80%	#% of parents completing the program
55 or 74%	#% of parents with decreased stress levels
59 or 80%	#% of parents with increased knowledge of parenting

### **HEART FOUNDATION**

Young people between the ages of 16-20 will be served through this program, which provides intervention, educational support, and job readiness training to court-involved youth. The court contracted case manager will provide screening, compliance monitoring, intervention services, anger management, and skills building. Youth will participate for a minimum of ten weeks in the job readiness component. Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 6:30pm

**Program Service Category:** Gang and Violence Prevention

**Number of Youth Served:** 75

### What/How Much We Do

75	# of youth enrolled in program
90	# of intakes completed
75	# of Individual Service Plans
60	# of youth attending workshops
80	# of workshops
80	# of mentor supervised outings

### How Well We Do It

9:1	Staff to youth ratio
80	% of staff with secondary degrees
40	% of voluntary

### Is Anyone Better Off?

60 or 80%	#% of youth completing Individual Service Plan requirements
16 or 21%	#% of youth reentering school
42 or 53%	#% of youth completing Anger Management Training
64 or 85%	#% of youth that don't re-offend
\$125,000	Cost savings-positive youth development program vs. NYS OCFS facility (\$15,000,000)

### **HISPANICS UNITED OF BUFFALO**

The program will serve limited English speaking youth ages 13-21, who are dropout prone due to failing grades. Tutoring, homework assistance and remedial instruction will increase skills, while also motivating youth to continue in school and improve their overall academic performance. Job readiness skills workshops, job placement services, and assistance with employment applications will also be offered.

**Program Service Category:** Citizenship/Civic Engagement

**Number of Youth Served:** 63

### What/How Much We Do

63	# of youth enrolled
114	# of youth development sessions attended

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63	# of intakes
38	# of job readiness training sessions
64	# of life skills workshops
10	# of speaker workshops
5	# of community service activities

### How Well We Do It

2	Staff to youth ratio
0	% of workshops provided by BETC trained staff
100	% of staff who are bilingual

### Is Anyone Better Off?

5 or 8%	## of youth who attained employment
25 or 40%	## of youth who completed job readiness training
30 or 48%	## of youth who completed life skills workshops
30 or 48%	## of youth who complete all ISP's goals and objectives

## **JERICHO ROAD MINISTRIES**

The Hope Refugee F.L.Y. Program is an afterschool program geared to assist middle school refugee students in achieving the grade content and knowledge of their American peers, focusing primarily on homework help, literacy and math tutoring, academic enrichment, teaching social skills, and mentoring five days a week. Our six-week summer youth program provides students with a structured experience where they can practice and maintain their academic skills as well as engage in sports, games, field trips, and other exciting opportunities and activities.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 32

### What/How Much We Do

32	# of students served
96	# of homework help sessions per youth
32	# of students in SES tutoring
144	# of hours of SES tutoring sessions
19	# of field trips
10	# of First Hand Learning Science sessions per youth

### How Well We Do It

1:6	Staff to youth ratio
18	# of volunteers
42	# of students utilizing agency transportation

### Is Anyone Better Off?

94	% of students with improved reading levels
18	# of students advancing to next grade level

## **KING URBAN LIFE CENTER**

The King Urban Life Center provides a safe haven, after-School and Summer Technology Program, for youth 9 - 18. The youth learn the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel and PowerPoint), to create school reports, resumes, letters, slide show presentations and spreadsheets. They utilize an academic online skills tutorial program focusing on math, science, language arts or reading. The youth also learn how to use digitized video, download digital images and import sound. We provide snacks for the youth.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 63

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### What/How Much We Do

63	# of students participating in the program
1594	# of computer training sessions
63	# of youth using academic skills tutoring math and reading software programs
35	# of youth participating in homework assistance
120	# homework assistance sessions

### How Well We Do It

50	% of youth with no other computer access
5	# of youth volunteers
100	% of staff with technology certification
100	% of youth from King Urban Charter School

### Is Anyone Better Off?

47	# of youth who maintained & improved their grades
55	# of youth who advanced to the next grade level
70	# of youth who demonstrate increased knowledge in computer programs
30	# of youth with increased math scores based on pre/post tests
20	# of youth with increased reading scores based on pre/post tests

### **LACKAWANNA SPORTS & EDUCATION**

This program provides all year activities including academic tutoring, computer education, and self-esteem seminars dealing with peer pressure to youth 6-21 years of age that reside in the city of Lackawanna.

Additionally, we offer summer programs which focus on youth employment, sports (sports camp), and cultural recreational activities and field trips. A free breakfast and lunch program is also provided.

Our summer program will promote a sense of community and character development through team work, discipline, integrity and sportsmanship.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

### **LEADERSHIP BUFFALO**

Youth Leadership Erie County is a nine month leadership enrichment program designed for high school sophomores and juniors across Erie County. The curriculum builds: an understanding of leadership and the foundation of leadership skills development, an understanding of and comfort with working successfully as part of a team, positive conflict resolution skills, an awareness of community issues, an appreciation for diversity and a commitment to lifelong involvement in community service and service learning. The program assembles a diverse and inclusive group of students who have leadership potential, but who may or may not have had experience in positions of leadership at their schools or in their volunteer work in the community. The program serves students of all racial, ethnic, religious, social economic backgrounds; and strives to introduce our students to Buffalo & Erie County's great history, and provide them with the opportunity to contribute to the future greatness of Buffalo & Erie County.

**Program Service Category:** Career Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 93

### What/How Much We Do

93	# of students participating in the program
38	# of schools represented in the program
93	# of students attending

### How Well We Do It

100	% of positive student feedback
12	# of activities/session titles



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### Is Anyone Better Off?

93	# of students who participate in youth leadership opportunities in school or community service agencies
93	# of students who identify 3 employment interests in Buffalo
915	# of hours of student completed community service
93	# of participants who completed the program

### **LEAP OF WNY**

LEAP~ASAP is an afterschool program for children in grades K-6. It provides children with access to a fully circulating children's library, small group academic assistance, and opportunities to engage in a wide variety of meaningful activities that integrate reading and writing. Contact: Dr. Gillian Richardson, gillian@leapofwny.org or (716) 874-5327.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 76

### What/How Much We Do

76	# of youth participants
40	# of youth tutoring sessions per youth
76	# of youth accessing library services
1,338: 18/youth	# of hours youth spend reading
805:11/youth	# of hours youth participated in computer literacy

### How Well We Do It

73	% of staff that are volunteers
1:4	Staff to participant ratio
76	# of youth referred from school/other programs

### Is Anyone Better Off?

33 or 83%	#% of youth with improved reading comprehension
21 or 81%	#% of youth with increased grades
100	% of youth advancing to the next grade level
82	% of youth checking out at least one book per month

### **LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY**

The peer tutoring program recruits local teens who work to provide tutoring to other youth. Peers are trained in literacy tutoring and place under teacher supervision to work with children who are pupils of Buffalo Public Schools grades K-8. Locations at FLARE Community Center, 307 Leroy Ave; First Church of the Nazarene, 1270 Kenmore Ave; Gloria J. Parks Community Center, 3242 Main St; Niagara Branch Library, 280 Porter Ave; One In Christ Church, 938 Broadway St.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 142

### What/How Much We Do

142	# of youth enrolled in program
218	# of tutoring sessions per youth
113	# of individual academic plans

### How Well We Do It

5:1	Staff to student ratio
99	% of staff NYS certified teacher
39	# of schools serviced

### Is Anyone Better Off?

93	# of youth with increase reading skills
96	# of youth who advance to next grade level

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### **MAKING FISHERS OF MEN AND WOMEN**

This program will serve 40 youth ages 13 to 20 from 3-8pm weekdays. The program offers scheduled homework assistance, reading development, career and financial literacy classes, pre-employment skills, recreational activities, and field trips.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:**

#### What/How Much We Do

46	# of students enrolled in program
6,347	# of tutoring sessions
24	# of cultural enrichment activities per youth
8	# of community service activities per youth
38	# of computer sessions per youth

#### How Well We Do It

5	# of college interns
3:25	Student to tutor ratio
100	% of staff that are volunteers

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

44 or 96%	## of students passing to the next grade
38 or 83%	## of students who maintained or increased academic grades
42 or 91%	## if students who completed community service activities
46 or 100%	## of youth demonstrating an increase in computer skills
8 or 100%	## of community service projects completed

### **MATT URBAN HUMAN SERVICES CENTER**

The Matt Urban Center will provide after-school and summer day programs at 2 sites; the T.J. Dulski Center and Polonia Hall, which consists of educational and recreational services for youth ages 6-18 years of age. This program includes academic enrichment, recreational activities, arts & crafts, computer classes and character education workshops. Information on community resources and referral services are available.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 107

#### What/How Much We Do

107	# of youth enrolled
40	# of youth enrolled in a Read-a-Thon
93	# of Science Firsthand Learning sessions

#### How Well We Do It

1:5	Staff to participant ratio
2	# of service delivery sites
75	% of staff with 15 or more hours in youth development and after-school program development training

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

70	% of youth that maintain or improve their grade point average
97	% of regular participants passing on to the next grade

### **MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE PROJECT**

MAP's Growing Green Program trains youth, ages 14-20, increasing their knowledge of where their food comes from, how to grow, process and market healthy food, as well as the impact food has on their own health and the health of their community. Youth plant and harvest a ½ acre urban farm and aquaponics greenhouse where they produce fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs and fish for neighbors, the elderly, local restaurants and markets throughout the year. In addition to the farm,

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Growing Green program components include a Youth Enterprise project, a Mobile Market, and Community Outreach and Training.

**Program Service Category:** Career Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 47

### What/How Much We Do

47	# of youth, aged 14-20, employed and trained
20	# of educational support sessions provided
840	# of hours are involved in urban agriculture training
840	# of hours are involved in business development training
840	# of hour's youth are involved in community outreach training

### How Well We Do It

92	% of youth reporting an increase in caring adult relationships
65	% of returning youth mentoring current program youth
100	% of staff trained in youth development, specifically working with at-risk teens

### Is Anyone Better Off?

94	% of youth who complete all program training components
91	% of youth who have gained new knowledge and/or skills in urban agriculture
94	% of youth who have gained new knowledge and/or skills in business development
91	% of youth who have gained new knowledge and/or skills in community outreach
100	% of youth who were seniors that graduated high school
100	% of youth who were seniors that enrolled in college
2	% of youth placed in a job

### **MESZAROS INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP (MICE)**

The Entrepreneurship Training Program provides diverse high school juniors and seniors with an opportunity to explore entrepreneurship, realize personal and economic growth, develop high ethical standards, perform in socially responsible ways, gain exposure to leadership roles, and to act as agents of change. Participants commit three hours every Saturday morning for twenty weeks to participate in the program held at and in partnership with the University of Buffalo. For complete program information, please contact Monica Toney at (716) 218-7352.

**Program Service Category:** Career Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 34

### What/How Much We Do

34	# of youth enrolled in the Entrepreneurial Training Program
5	# of Marketing Seminar Sessions per youth
2	# of Accounting Seminar Sessions per youth
5	# of Business Plan Workshop Sessions per youth

### How Well We Do It

100	% of program staff that has entrepreneurial experience
100	% of class sessions take place at the UB School of Management
100	% of class presenters are current or retired CEOs/business leaders
40	% of youth from Buffalo Public School system
77	% of youth from minority ethnic/racial backgrounds

### Is Anyone Better Off?

34 or 91%	## of students completing the entrepreneurial training program
34 or 91%	## students completing business plans
3	# of students that earned 3 college credits

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### **METRO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The Youth Enrichment Program is an afterschool program that offers homework assistance, skill building, 1:1 tutoring and socialization skills for youth in order to prepare them for a bright future.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

### **THE NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR JUST COMMUNITIES OF WNY, INC.**

The NFJC First Time/Last Time Program is an effective Alternative to Incarceration program designed to assist young men and women between the ages of 16-21 who become involved in the Criminal Justice System for the first time. A countywide program, First Time/Last Time restores young lives through its strong direct service component and through its established and collaborative widespread referral network. The premise of this youth service program is to reduce the rate of recidivism among the 16-21 year old first offender population and to serve as a conduit for the youth to achieve their maximum potential. Contact Person: Susan Croglia, 853-9598.

**Program Service Category:** Gang & Violence Prevention

**Number of Youth Served:** 286

#### What/How Much We Do

286	# of youth enrolled in program
237M/49F	# of male/female clients
69	# of referrals made to school
106	# of referrals made to drug/alcohol treatment providers
37	# of referrals made to mental health providers
800	# of court appearances

#### How Well We Do It

95.5	% of clients following through on education referrals
100	% of clients following through on drug/alcohol referrals
91	% of clients following through on mental health referrals
20	# of courts youth are referred from
100	% of employee retention

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

77.5	% of youth who stayed and/or returned from school
95.5	% of youth who remained arrest free for six months
93	% of youth who remained drug/alcohol free for six months
92	% of youth who completed mental health counseling

### **NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Crisis Intervention and Referral for Continuous Linkages and Education (CIRCLE) is part of the Youth Development Program provided by Native American Community Services and is open to any youth ages 5-17 years of age. The Youth Development Program/CIRCLE focuses on age-appropriate prevention education (ATOD usage, pregnancy prevention, smoking prevention, etc) workshops/activities that promote positive youth development, building of personal assets, and reinforcement of resiliency skills. Evidenced-based models are implemented for adequate instruction and well-trained staff members ensure safety while cultivating a system of support among youth.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 110

#### What/How Much We Do

110	# of youth enrolled in program
221	# of homework sessions
1,547	# of youth in HW sessions
130	# of prevention workshops

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3	# of computer classes/workshops
15	# of youth in computer classes/workshops

### How Well We Do It

1:6.5	Staff to student ratio
100	% of staff meeting SACC regulations
84.75	% of youth using agency transportation

### Is Anyone Better Off?

49 or 94%	##% of youth who passed to the next grade level
45 or 94%	##% of youth who maintained or improve their grades

### **NORTHWEST BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER**

Program provides supervised recreation, arts/crafts, field trips, a Teen Summit and community clean-up opportunities for youth residing in the Housing complex of the Riverside/Black Rock community.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 450

### What/How Much We Do

450	# of youth enrolled in program
265	# of tutoring program 5x per week sessions
180	# of youth participating in reading program at least 2 sessions a week
150	# of youth participating in community service activities
14	# of community service activities per week
50	# of youth attending Male Responsibly workshops 2x per week
30	# of violence prevention workshops 2x sessions per week

### How Well We Do It

0	% of staff turn over for staff 10 years or more on the job
65	% of youth participants who walk to the program

### Is Anyone Better Off?

95	% of youth advancing to the next grade level
14 or 100%	##% of youth graduating from high school
90	% of youth maintaining or increasing their grades
90	% of youth improving their reading levels
85	% of youth completing community service projects
100	% of youth completing male responsibility program
100	% of youth completing violence prevention program
450 or 0%	##% of our youth not involved in the juvenile justice system

### **OLD FIRST WARD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The Street Safe Kids program provides a safe, supervised haven from conflict and violence in the Old First Ward community. Dedicated staff provides an emphasis on academic achievement and citizenship throughout the programs. Youth are encouraged to develop leadership skills and to take a role in their community.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 293

### What/How Much We Do

293	# of youth participating in Street Safe Kids Programs
10	# of field trips
23	# of youth participating in tutoring

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128	# of tutoring sessions
33	# of youth attending planning sessions
9	# of planning sessions
5	# of community service projects

### How Well We Do It

5	% of staff with more than one year of experience
2	% of tutoring staff with NYS certification and/or teaching experience
1:6	Staff to participant ratio

### Is Anyone Better Off?

38	% of youth reporting positive experience
44	% of youth reporting positive role models
75	% of youth increasing grade level score
87	% of youth achieving IEP goals
83 or 23%	83% of youth participating at least 3 hours a week

### **ON THE JOB MINISTRIES**

On the Job Ministries starts-up and operates small businesses for the purpose of employing and training at-risk youth (16-24 years old) on Buffalo's West Side. We hire young people to work in one of our three businesses on Grant Street: New to You (thrift store); Soap Works (soap making); and Westside Wheels (bicycle repair/resale). We welcome the opportunity to partner with organizations who are looking for employment opportunities for their program participants.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment  
**Number of Youth Served:** 34

### What/How Much We Do

34	# of at-risk youth (16-24) employed
9	# of positions available
18	# of youth attending high school
2	# of youth attending GED programs

### How Well We Do It

65	% of revenue generated from business
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### Is Anyone Better Off?

81.3	% of youth who complete GED or graduate high school
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### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WNY**

A total of eight teen pregnancy prevention programs serving a total of 120 youth will be conducted in high need zip codes within Erie County. Each program is 10 weeks in length and meets once per week. All programs are taught by professional trainers and focus on issues such as media literacy, diversity, values and virtues, sexuality and health. Contact Najeyah Sultan, Director of Community Programs, 716-831-2200.

**Program Service Category:** Counseling/Preventative Services  
**Number of Youth Served:** 113

### What/How Much We Do

113	# of youth enrolled in the program
50	# of 10 week in school sessions per youth
53	# of youth enrolled in Responsible Male
50	# of Responsible Male sessions per youth
60	# of youth enrolled in Circle of Friends
50	# of Circle of Friends sessions per youth
8	# of life skills topics covered

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### How Well We Do It

2:28	Staff to participant ratio
100	% of staff trained in Training The Trainer
0	% of staff turnover
1	# of sites program operates in
100	% of host agencies requesting to replicate the program to a new group

### Is Anyone Better Off?

79 or 70%	#% of youth who complete at least 80% of the sessions
84 or 74%	#% of youth who demonstrate increased knowledge in topics covered
89%	#% of youth who demonstrate the ability to identify healthy lifestyles

### **POLICE ATHLETIC CLUB**

Buffalo PAL provides athletic and educational programs, arts and crafts, field trips, holiday parties and a host of other activities at seven Community Centers in the City of Buffalo. In addition, PAL conducts Basketball Leagues in Summer, Fall, and Winter for both Boys and Girls; a Baseball League in the summer; a Floor Hockey Program in the winter; and a year around Boxing Program. Other activities include: Tennis – “Raging Racquets;” Golf – “Clubs For Kids;” Ice Skating – “Learn to Skate;” and Bicycle Safety and Bike Helmet Giveaways scheduled each year in City Parks, Community Centers and other venues.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

### **THE SALVATION ARMY**

The Supervised Visitation Program offers high quality, low-stress and safe access to children and their parents where children have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect and placed in foster homes or custody with a relative. The program offers both on-site and off-site weekend supervised visitation in a beautiful, 1500 square-foot playroom with an outdoor courtyard and visits are supervised by Master's Level professionals. The program works to reduce the at-risk position of children by providing counselor-assisted monitoring, parenting skills training and culturally sensitive case management through referrals sent by the Erie County Department of Social Services.

**Program Service Category:** Counseling/Preventative Services

**Number of Youth Served:** 149

### What/How Much We Do

1,134	# of supervised visits
149	# of referrals to program
283	# of scheduled intake appointments
89	# of families that participate in supervised visitation

### How Well We Do It

1:1	Staff to family ratio
3	# of surveillance cameras
8	# of age-appropriate segmented toy areas
67	% of master's level counselors
33	% of college-level counselors
100	% of parents sent initial intake appointment within 1 week of referral into program
88	% of parents who attend weekly visits

### Is Anyone Better Off?

29	% of families that move to a less restrictive level of visitation within 5 months of initiation of service
252 or 74%	#% of youth achieving high scores on engagement and interaction indicators
130 or 38%	#% of children discharged to a parent or relative
218 or 64%	#% of children who reflect positive feelings of safety and satisfaction in visiting their parent(s)
308 or 90%	#% of children who pass into the next grade level

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### **SCHILLER PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Our youth program provides academic support and character development activities that foster greater success in school and stronger personal skills. Our after school and summer programs provide a safe, structured atmosphere where youth can learn, play, and grow into strong independent individuals.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 57

#### What/How Much We Do

57	# of youth participants
141	# of homework help sessions per youth
35	# of youth event planning sessions
6	# of guest speakers

#### How Well We Do It

71	% of youth and 100% of parents satisfied with program
31	% of activities per week with groups of less than 15 youth
13	# of former youth members that return to serve as mentors

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

42	# of students maintaining good grades in 2 or more subjects
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### **SENECA-BABCOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Services include a "Family Computer Room" where over 400 youth and their families will have access to the internet and computer training. Our youth program consists of athletics, creative arts, and recreational activities.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 156

#### What/How Much We Do

156	# of youth participants enrolled in program
180	# of homework help sessions per youth
8	# of youth community service projects
4	# of guest speakers/workshops
150	# of youth participating in computer instruction
45	# of computer instruction classes per youth
13	# of youth participating in Boy Scouts
45	# of Boy Scout sessions per youth
21	# of youth participating in Girl Scouts
45	# of Girl Scouts sessions per youth

#### How Well We Do It

2	# of former youth members that return to serve as mentors
85	% of youth that live within walking distance to the center
8	# of collaborating partner agencies/programs

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

87	% of youth improving or maintaining good grades
98	% of youth advancing to the next grade level
75	# of youth demonstrating increased knowledge in computer software applications
95	% of youth completing community service projects
2	# of youth community service projects
93	% of youth completing Boy Scouts
77	% of youth completing Girl Scouts



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### URBAN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

This program works with community service volunteers to educate young people in prevention strategies that deal with criminal behavior and avoiding the material temptation of gangland lifestyle. Approximately 300 youth, 13-21 years old will be served.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 42

#### What/How Much We Do

42	# of youth participants
24	# of tutoring sessions per youth
52	# of homework help sessions per youth
51	# of life skills workshops per youth
7	# of guest speakers
30	# of youth participating sign language instruction
30	# of sign language instruction sessions per youth
19	# of community service projects/visits
11	# of field trips taken
22	# of endless possibilities sessions (spoken word poetry, dance, drill, role playing, singing, etc.) per youth

#### How Well We Do It

1 to 3.5 youth	Staff to youth ratio
92	% of youth provided with transportation
100	% youth living below poverty level
15	# of volunteers
5	# of previous program youth returning to volunteer

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

42 or 100%	## of youth maintaining/increasing their grades
42 or 100%	## of youth advancing to the next grade level
42 or 100%	## of youth completing community service projects
19 or 100%	## of community service projects completed
30 or 75%	## of youth completing a (public speaking/performance) presentation
One	# of Endless Possibilities Shows

### VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Valley Community Association Inc. (VCA) is a non-profit, multi-faceted, human service agency located in southeast Buffalo. Founded in 1969, the VCA serves the residents of the Buffalo River Community by providing services and programs for all ages including affordable child care, programs and services for senior citizens, family support services, community events, and neighborhood beautification projects.

The VCA's "Striving For Excellence" Youth Program aims to improve student achievement and learning by offering a comprehensive program that includes not only academic remediation but also academic enrichment activities, social and recreational programming, and family services.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 206

#### What/How Much We Do

206	# of kids in the "Striving For Excellence" After School Program
3.75	# of hours of homework help per child per week
42	# of kids/parents meeting with Dr. Julia Hall & the "First In the Family" program

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### How Well We Do It

1:10	Student to staff ratio
48	% of New York State Certified Teachers
100	% of participants responding Dr. Hall helped them

### Is Anyone Better Off?

206 or 100%	#% of kids who pass onto the next grade level
148 or 72%	#% of kids who improve their grade point average in 2 out of 4 core academic subjects
20	# of students who receive scholarships or financial assistance to high school

### **WILLIE HUTCH JONES EDUCATION & SPORTS PROGRAM**

The mission of the Willie Hutch Jones Educational and Sports Programs is to provide instruction, at no cost, in fundamental skill development, after school academic refinement, delinquency prevention, finance management, foreign language instruction, character development, and lifetime social skills for resilient youth throughout Western New York. Our programs allows its participants to make constructive use of leisure time and refrain from violence and other illegal behaviors; thereby becoming better prepared for employment and to be productive members of society.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

### **WNY UNITED AGAINST DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE**

This program works to increase assets (protective factors) in the Buffalo Public School system through Social Competency and conflict resolution trainings, as well as aggressive parent and community outreach. The focused assets development services include (protective factors): 24 (Bonding to School), 28 (Integrity), 32 (Planning and decision making), 33 (Interpersonal Competence), 36 (Peaceful Conflict resolution), 38 (Self esteem). Grades 5 and 6 are targeted from schools 3, 18, 31, 94, 28, 33, 40, 43, 44, 93, and 92.

**Program Service Category:** Counseling/Preventative Services

**Number of Youth Served:** 4,420

### What/How Much We Do

4,420	# of youth participants
2,703	# of youth participating in Conflict Resolution
645	# of Conflict Resolution Sessions
1,263	# of youth participating in Building Skills 5
660	# of Building Skills 5 Sessions
247	# of youth participating in Building Skills 6
88	# of Building Skills 6 Sessions
207	# of youth involved in service learning projects

### How Well We Do It

97	% of lessons delivered correctly based on fidelity instrument
100	% of trained prevention specialists
1:21	Staff to participant ratio
16	of locations

### Projected Outcomes

#### K4CR

1,337	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in self control (K4CR)
1,017	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in cooperation (K4CR)
1,316	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in stress management (K4CR)
1,411	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in anger management (K4CR)

#### BS5

584	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in goal-setting (BS5)
544	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in stress management (BS5)

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482	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in anger management (BS5)
633	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in assertiveness (BS5)
495	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in decision making (BS5)
	<b><u>BS6</u></b>
100	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in goal-setting (BS6)
87	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in stress management (BS6)
108	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in anger management (BS6)
128	# of youth who demonstrate improvements in assertiveness (BS6)
89	# of service learning projects completed

### **WEST SIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Program activities provide youth an opportunity to channel energies and relieve stress through active recreation; cultural enrichment, multimedia computer lesson and educational assistants through tutoring and homework help. A variety of anti drug, alcohol and violence prevention workshops along with an "I've Got Better Things To Do" media campaign work to increase assets through social skills, anger management and conflict resolution training.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment

**Number of Youth Served:** 291

#### What/How Much We Do

291	# of youth participants
37	# of youth tutoring sessions per student
46	# of youth participating in community services
11	# of youth service activities
141	# of SES students
37	# of SES sessions per student
291	# of youth in computer instruction
276	# of computer sessions

#### How Well We Do It

152	# of youth participants that walk
54	% of staff with teaching credentials
100	% of staff retention

#### Projected Outcomes

100	% of youth participants advancing to the next grade
113	# of youth increasing 10% in math and ELA scores
100	% of youth completing community service projects

### **YMCA- WILLIAM EMSLIE**

Open to ages 1 and up. Full range of wellness, before and after school care (children ages 5-12), summer day camp (children ages 3-12), youth and adult swimming lessons, senior recreational and fitness programming, GED classes, youth mentoring, tutorial services, adult and family fitness classes, birthday parties, large reception rentals, and aquatic fitness classes. Facility includes free parking, outdoor playground, pavilion, outdoor walking track, cardio vascular equipment, free weight machines, high school size gymnasium, locker rooms, sauna, therapeutic pool, and computer learning center. Fees based on program, type of use, and participant economic circumstances. United Way, City of Buffalo, and Erie County supported free programming available.

**Program Service Category:** Academic Enrichment